

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are currently active.

The Examiner objected to the figures. A new figure regarding the method claims is enclosed, Figure 38.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure. The disclosure has been amended to obviate this rejection.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because it appears that the limitations set forth in Claim 26 is a double inclusion of the last three lines of Claim 1. Claim 26, as amended, now depends on Claim 21.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-5, 11-13, 18-21 and 22-25 as being unpatentable over Kuo. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, has the limitation of "the cable separate and apart from the handle". Antecedent support for this amendment is found in figure 10. As shown in figure 3 and figure 4, the cable taught by Kuo is disposed in the handle itself. Accordingly,

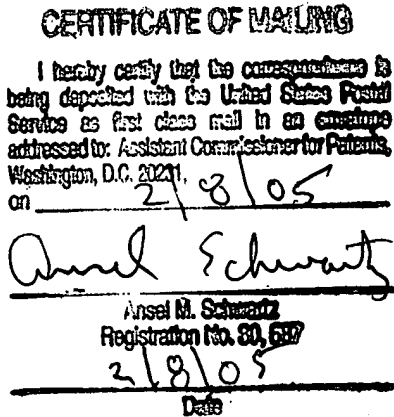
amended Claim 1, and Claims 2-10, which are dependent to parent Claim 1 are patentable over Kuo.

Claim 11 is patentable over Kuo for the reasons Claim 1 is patentable. Claims 12-17 are dependent to parent Claim 11 and are patentable for the reasons Claim 11 is patentable.

In regard to Claims 18-26, as amended, there is no the limitation that the casters fit into the slots when the wheel unit is in a retracted state. Antecedent support for this limitation is found on page 15, line 4 and the figures. Kuo only teaches a single castor in the auxiliary wheel unit, not two castors, and does not teach or suggest anything about the castors fitting into the slots of the housing when the wheel unit is in a retracted state. Kuo does not teach or suggest any type of slots for auxiliary wheel 32. Accordingly, Claims 18-26 are patentable over Kuo.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 and 11-16 as being unpatentable over Tiramani. Claims 1-8 and 11-16, as amended, are patentable over Tiramani for the reasons they are patentable over Kuo.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1-26, now in this application be allowed.



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